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The Honorable Claudia Balducci  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits a report in response to Workplan Action 4 in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, via Ordinance 18427. Among other tasks, Workplan Action 4 directs that an Annual Report on the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program be submitted to the Council on December 1, beginning in 2017. This is the fifth annual report on the TDR Program.

Since inception in 1999, the TDR program has been a powerful voluntary incentive-based conservation tool, which has resulted in the permanent protection of more than 145,100 acres of forestland, farmland, and other rural open spaces that add to the quality of life for King County's residents. The program also facilitates more compact new growth in the urban growth area and in urban centers of King County – places where infrastructure exists to support a growing population.

Specifically, the report provides an overview of the operating principles of the King County TDR Bank system and the private market TDR system. It also provides data on the program to date and data during the reporting period from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, in addition to proposed activity in the months and years ahead.

Other aspects of Workplan Action 4 were included in the 2020 updates to the 2016 Comprehensive Plan transmitted to the County Council on September 20, 2019. This transmittal includes the required annual report.

The adopted 2016 Comprehensive Plan, which identifies action items such as Action 4, is consistent with the King County Strategic Plan. Specifically, the TDR annual report identified in Action 4 is consistent with the healthy environment goal of the King County Strategic Plan, which seeks to preserve open space and rural character while addressing climate change.

It is estimated that this report required 20 staff hours to produce, costing approximately \$3,000.

Thank you for your consideration of this report. The important work discussed in the report will help King County residents benefit from the permanent protection of more than 145,100

The Honorable Claudia Balducci

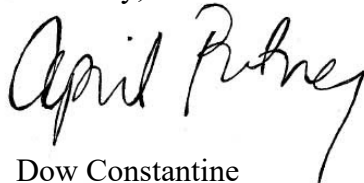
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acres of forestland, farmland, and other rural open spaces that add to the quality of life of King County.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Josh Baldi, Division Director of the Water and Land Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-9440.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosure

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